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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

the first biopolymer is linked to an insoluble support by a reversible linkage; and

E2 the second biopolymer is linked to the first biopolymer by a reversible linkage, wherein the linkage between the first biopolymer and the second biopolymer is formed through a trityl derivative, a chelate complex or a photocleavable functionality.

E3 21. (Amended Three Times) The method of claim 20, wherein the first reversible linkage is formed through a trityl derivative, a chelate complex, a hydrophobic interaction or a photocleavable functionality and the second reversible linkage is formed through a trityl derivative, a chelate complex or a photocleavable functionality.

REMARKS

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Claims 1-28, 44-51, and 53-57 are presently pending in this application. Claims 48-51 are withdrawn from consideration as allegedly being directed to a non-elected species. Claim 57 is added and claims 1 and 21 are amended herein. The amendment finds basis in the specification on page 8, line 13, through page 9, line 3 and claim 5 as originally filed. No new matter has been added.

A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement also accompanies this Amendment.